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OF IR 1495139. IT IS PASSED BY WIRE IN VIEW ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN POWERS INTERROGATION PRESENTLY UNDERWAY.

SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS A SECOND HAD DESCRIPTION OF FRANCIS GARY POWERS LANDING BY PARACHUTE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

1. SOURCE VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A RESULT OF A TRIP HE MADE TO THE SOVIET UNION IN JULY 1960:

2. SOURCE ATE LUNCH BETWEEN 18-24 JULY 1960 IN A SOVIET ARMENIAN OR CAUCASIAN BASEMENT RESTAURANT IN MOSCOW. (THE EXACT DATE OR THE LOCATION AND NAME OF THE RESTAURANT COULD NOT BE RECALLED BY SOURCE). HE AND TWO OTHER FRENCHMEN SAT AT A TABLE FOR FOUR LEAVING ONE SEAT VACANT. THE RESTAURANT WAS CROWDED AND A RUSSIAN ASKED IF HE COULD SIT AT THE VACANT PLACE. THE NEWCOMER (AS JUDGED BY SOURCE) WAS AN AVID IDEOLOGICAL COMMUNIST AND SAID THAT HE WAS AN AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR SPECIALIST. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN POWERS LAND. THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST SAID THAT HE WAS IN THE FIELDS OF A COLLECTIVE FARM WITH

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THE FARM WORKERS ONE DAY WHEN, WITHOUT WARNING, THEY LOOKED UP AND SAW A MAN DESCENDING IN A PARACHUTE. (SOURCE DEDUCED THAT SINCE THERE WAS NO WARNING THE SOVIETS HAD NOT HEARD ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE OR EXPLOSIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE ALERTED THE SOVIETS TO LOOK SKYARD). THE MAN LANDED NEAR THEM SO THAT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST AND THE OTHER WORKERS RAN TO HELP HIM. WHEN THEY REACHED HIM HE WAS GROGGY; THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE OF ALTITUDE EFFECTS. HE ASKED FOR WATER WHICH THE RUSSIANS FINALLY GAVE HIM BUT BECAUSE POWERS DID NOT SPEAK RUSSIAN THEY HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING HIM. UP TO THIS TIME THE RUSSIANS HAD ASSUMED THAT POWERS WAS A RUSSIAN OR EASTERN COUNTRY CREW MEMBER. AAT THIS POINT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE REALLY VERY KIND AND HUMANE PEOPLE AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR TREATMENT OF A CAPITALIST ESPIONAGE AGENT. (SOURCE REMARKED THAT HE THOUGHT POWERS HAD NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE SINCE THE RUSSIANS GOT TO POWERS AS SOON AS HE LANDED AND HE WAS STILL GROGGY). THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST THEN SAID THAT POWERS WAS DRIVEN AWAY IN A CAR.

3. SOURCE ALSO SAW THE POWERS AIRPLANE ON EXHIBIT. THE WINGS WERE DETACHED FROM THE FUSELAGE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IT APPEARED TO HAVE CONTACTED THE GROUND IN A HORIZONTAL ATTITUDE SUCH AS WOULD RESULT FROM SPIN. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF BULLET HOLES OR FRAGMENTATION DAMAGE. SOURCE DEDUCED THIS FACT FROM THE PATTERN OF

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THE RUPTURE IN THE METAL PIECES HE SAW. THE HORIZONTAL TAIL WAS MISSING COMPLETELY.

4. COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICERGC SOURCE VOLUNTEERED THIS INFO SINCE THE DISCUSSION OF THE POWERS FLIGHT IS UNDERWAY AT PRESENT IN THE US. SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT AT THE TIME HE WAS IN MOSCOW HE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A FRENCH FIRM EXHIBITING IN MOSCOW AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL DISPOSED TO QUESTION THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST. ALL OF THE INFORMATION WAS VMOLUNTEERED BY THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST AND WAS NOT A RESULT OF QUESTIONING BY SOURCE. SOURCE ASSUMED THAT THE TRACTOR SPECIALIST WAS IN MOSCOW TO TESTIFY AT THE POWERS PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION. SOURCE SPEAKS FLUENT RUSSIAN AND IS AN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER.X IN THIS CAPACITY HE HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN EXAMINING CRASHED AIRCRAFT. SCP-3

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